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## GILBERT ARIZONA TEMPLE OPEN HOUSE

Following President Thomas S. Monson's 2008 announcement that a fourth temple would be built in Arizona, ground was broken in Gilbert in 2010 and,

in January 2014, the beautiful 85,000-square-foot Gilbert Arizona Temple, the largest temple built by the Church in 17 years, opened for public tours.

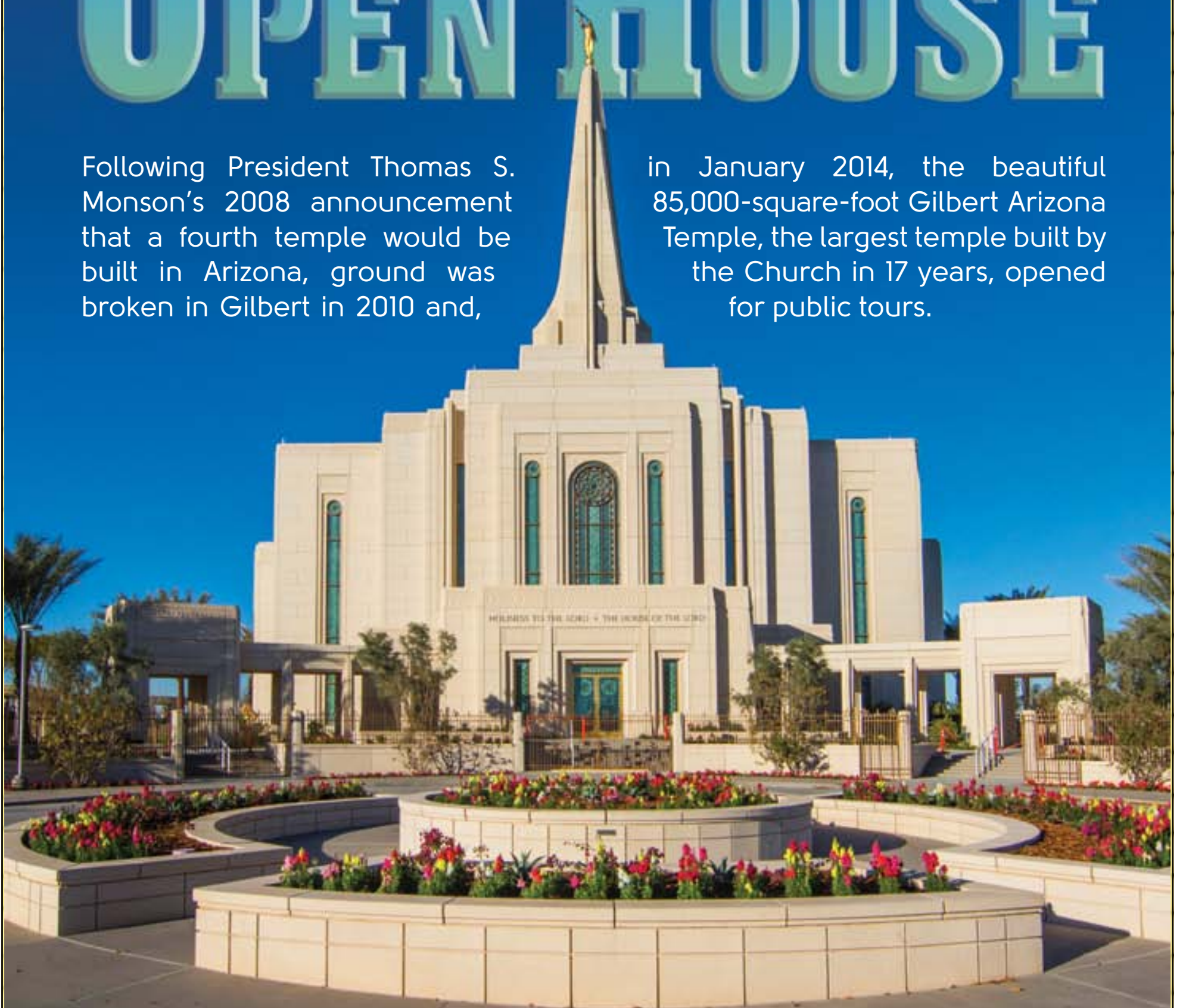


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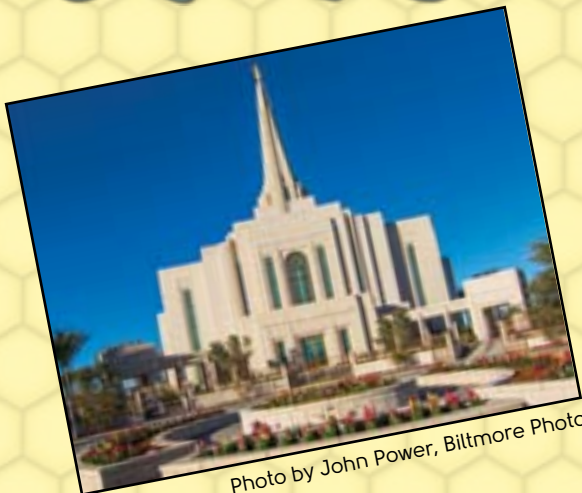


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# Hundreds of Thousands **TOUR** the Gilbert Arizona Temple

By Cecily Markland  
The Beehive

**S**ome people came in wheelchairs, others carried babies in their arms. They came from neighborhoods across the street and from as far away as Canada and other countries around the world. They came by the tens of thousands, all interested in touring the Gilbert Arizona Temple during the weeks it was open to the public.

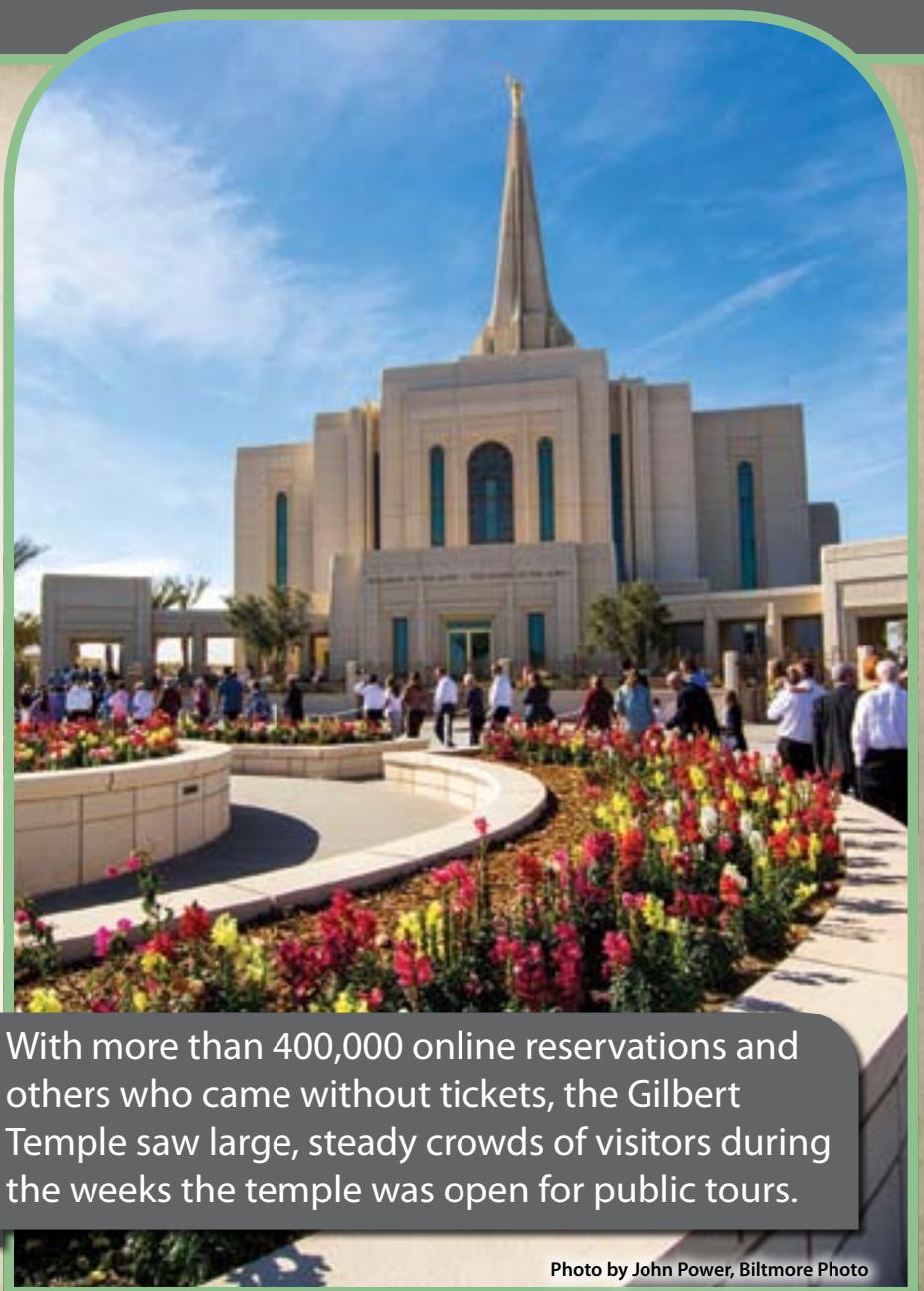
The temple was open for tours from January 18 through February 15, excluding Sundays. Within days from when the reservation website

was activated, 400,000 reservations had been made.

"The response from the community has been wonderful," said Cindy Packard, Public Affairs representative for the Greater Phoenix Area and a member of the Gilbert 6th Ward, Gilbert Highland West Stake. "The temple open house was a great success, and we had large numbers of people come through each day."

The open house was the culmination of years of anticipation that

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With more than 400,000 online reservations and others who came without tickets, the Gilbert Temple saw large, steady crowds of visitors during the weeks the temple was open for public tours.

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## Temple Tours

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began in April 2008 when President Thomas S. Monson announced that a temple was to be built in Gilbert. Two years later, in November 2010, an estimated 7,500 people attended the official groundbreaking ceremony.

At the groundbreaking event, Elder William R. Walker, of the Seventy and executive director of the Church's Temple Department, said, "It is because of the love for the temple" and "the faith and dedication of Latter-day Saints in Arizona that this temple is being built."

He added, "We are very pleased with the site for the Gilbert Temple. It's a site that will have high visibility and the center-spire temple design means that it will be beautiful and prominent from every direction."

The site's prominence heightened the anticipation as passersby were able to see the construction from all directions—even from miles away—as they watched the completion of the now-tallest building in Gilbert, at 82½ feet tall with a spire that rises to 195 feet. The 85,000-square-foot temple is the largest the Church has constructed in 17 years.

"We've seen the field change

from an alfalfa field to a great temple," says Curtis Keller, bishop of the Fairview Ward, Williams Field Stake, located "just across the street from the temple. We all drive by it every day—and we have for five years."

He has already witnessed the effects on members of his ward. "Number one, it's given them courage to share the

gospel with their friends. ... with the temple being built, members have been able to easily strike up a conversation and more easily discuss the gospel."

Nearly all of the nonmembers in their neighborhood accepted invitations to the open house. "They wanted to see this house of God," Bishop Keller says. "Afterwards, one of them

said to me, 'I can tell this is a holy place.'"

He continues, "For people in the ward, having the temple right down the street really fires them up, makes them excited about making covenants and growing closer to Christ." He says they already "feel the peace that will come as they get to attend the temple."

One sister and two couples in his ward who have never been to the temple have made the necessary preparations and will participate in temple ordinances shortly after the dedication. The ward's 90 Young Men and Young Women are also excited about the "prospect of being able to go to the temple one time a week and do work there," Bishop Keller says.

In addition to those living near the Gilbert Temple, the open house attracted a wide range of others. "We did a tour for all the construction workers to bring their families and show them the work that they completed," says Sister Packard. "Then, the first three days we had special guests; state and community leaders, including Governor Jan Brewer; and interfaith leaders from all over the

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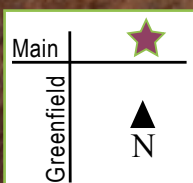
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After touring the Gilbert Temple during the public-invited open house, family groups and friends posed for pictures in front of the fountain on the east side of the temple.

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Valley.”

A large number of “winter visitors” attended as well, Sister Packard says, “It was common for small buses from retirement communities to pull up each day to tour the temple ... a large portion of them were friends of other faith.”

Sister Packard says, many Latter-day Saints brought friends and co-workers. “A soccer coach from the local high school reported that ‘This temple must be a big deal because I have been invited at least 10 different times to tour it,’” she says.

At the same time, many attended on their own volition, having heard about the temple through the media. One day, Sister Packard stopped at a light near the temple and a woman in the back seat of the car next to her was waving frantically. “I rolled down my window (thinking I had a flat tire or something wrong) when she said, ‘Do you know where that new Mormon Temple is? Then the man in the front said, ‘We aren’t Mormon but we really want to go see it!’”

Sister Packard said, inside, people were impressed with the beautiful art glass, and the original paintings throughout the temple, as well as the

stunning staircase, and, especially, the 18’ tall, 1,500-pound chandelier in the celestial room.

“The general impression people had of the temple is that it is marvelous, beautiful, magnificent, exquisite, inspiring and breathtaking ... They were amazed at the quality of workmanship. But, even beyond that, many felt something there that they couldn’t quite explain. They could feel the holiness of the temple, and it touched them in ways that are beyond just its beauty.

One young single adult reported that she brought friend of another faith who was so touched by the feeling in the temple that “she was shaking all over and now wants to come to church sometime.

Yet, just as members of other faiths were touched, Latter-day Saints were equally uplifted as they shared in the experience. Tami Wardrop, of the Constellation Ward, Gilbert Highland West Stake, who, with her husband Dan, worked with the volunteer ushers, said, “As I watched the miracles happen each day from experiences with guests to people that showed up all of the sudden when we were short volunteers, it reaffirmed my testimony that this is His house and He is interested in all that happens in His house. We felt his presence daily and appreciated knowing we

had a hand in helping welcome His children to his house each day.

Sister Packard agrees, noting that on a tour that included leaders from other faiths. There was a moment when I watched a kindly Catholic Bishop and a thoughtful Jewish Rabbi with his wife and baby daughter and others leaders respectfully walking into the celestial room, and I had such a strong feeling of love for them as my brothers and sisters. I felt a oneness with them, a strong bond because we were all children of our Father in Heaven who knows and loves us individually.”

She continues, “Anything that increases understanding strengthens a community. And I think people, regardless of their beliefs, felt renewed or strengthened by the experience. I think they felt a pause of peace and serenity.”

When the Gilbert Temple is formally dedicated on Sunday, March 2, it will be the 142nd operating temple in the Church worldwide and the fourth in Arizona, with others in Mesa, Snowflake and the Gila Valley. A fifth temple in Phoenix is under construction and a sixth, in Tucson, has been announced.

For more about temples, visit [www.lds.org/church/temples](http://www.lds.org/church/temples).

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Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$20 for preferred seating. Tickets can be purchased at [www.chandlercenter.org](http://www.chandlercenter.org) or by calling the box office at 480-782-2680. General admission tickets can also be purchased at the Deseret Book stores in Gilbert or Mesa.

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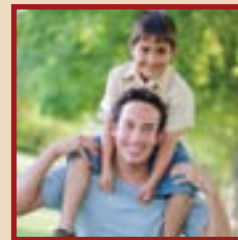
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# Author, Artist Helps Children Apply Book of Mormon LESSONS TO LIFE

By Stephanie Abney  
The Beehive

As a seminary teacher, he knew how to engage high school students in the Book of Mormon. Yet, as a father of young children, David Bowman was unable to find books that helped children apply the scriptures in their lives. So, he wrote his own.

He created a much-loved series based on Book of Mormon heroes children could pattern their lives after, titled *Who's Your Hero?: Book of Mormon Stories Applied to Children*.

Brother Bowman graduated from Brigham Young University with a bachelor's degree in Illustration. During the summers, he worked in the *Especially for Youth* program and soon discovered he had a passion for teaching. As a teacher, his artistic abilities served him well and he frequently used quick drawings on the

board as he taught his lessons.

"I see myself as a teacher first, and an artist second," he says.

David's artistic skills range from cartoon and caricature characters to fine art. His "Expressions of Christ" series of fine paintings, which convey the Savior's love for His children, have been well received among LDS families and in the larger Christian market as well.

In 2005, Brother Bowman left full-time seminary teaching to pursue his career as an artist and author. He moved his family to Snowflake the following year, where he and his wife, Natalie, live in the Snowflake 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, with their five children ranging in age from a 10-year-old to an infant.

Speaking to the youth of the church is still one of David's favorite things to do. He teaches in the EFY

Author and illustrator, David Bowman, at a recent visit to Kimber Academy in Mesa, where he talked to students about his *Who's Your Hero* series of books.

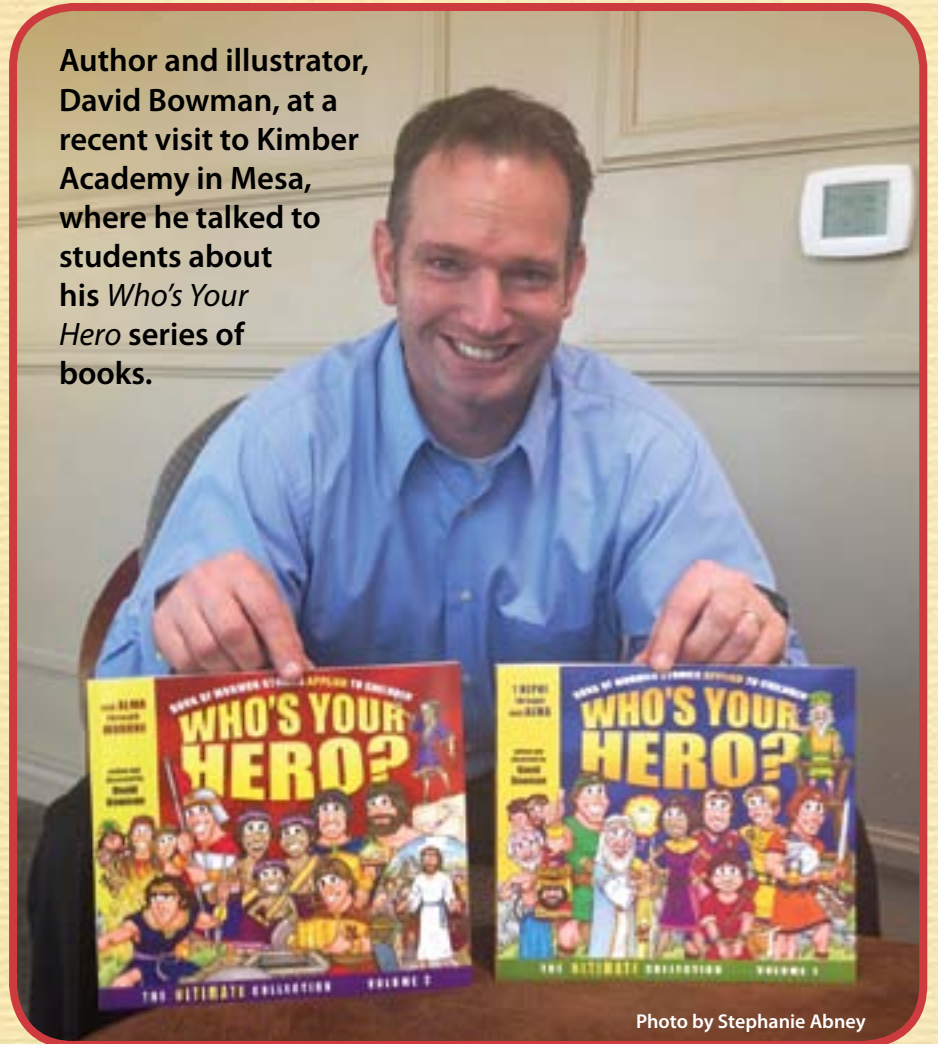


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program and gives firesides. He likes to interact with each student, asking their name, age and something they like to do. At a recent visit to Kimber Academy, a private school in Mesa, one boy in the older class said he liked to longboard. When Brother Bowman

responded that his wife had gotten him a motorized longboard for Christmas, one student whispered to his friend, "He just got a lot cooler."

While he has a wide range of topics he likes to teach about, he

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continues to particularly enjoy sharing his testimony of the Book of Mormon through the *Who's Your Hero* series. He has a new *Who's Your Hero* book for girls coming out this fall, and he recently combined several of his hero stories, creating the "Ultimate Collection," volumes one and two. Long-time fans will be pleased to see he kept the old, while adding some new stories in these collections.

As the subtitle suggests, stories are "applied," using examples of how children can be like the heroes in the book. Scriptures to memorize and Family Home Evening ideas also are included.

For example, children learn to apply the scriptures to themselves when they realize that Nephi never complained about what the Lord asked him to do. Likewise, they can be like Nephi and do their chores without complaining.

One mother, Jessica Clark, says, "My children ... have learned so much about the Book of Mormon by reading the [Who's Your Hero? books] with me and talking about the stories and the applications at the end of each section."

Geared to children ages 3 to around 10, these books also include Brother Bowman's trademark little mouse hiding on most pages among the bright, captivating illustrations his readers love.

To learn more, visit [www.whosyourherobooks.com](http://www.whosyourherobooks.com) or see David Bowman's art at [www.davidbowmanart.com](http://www.davidbowmanart.com)

# Dance Competition

## Raises Funds to Help Fight Drug Abuse

By Emily Boyle  
The Beehive

Last fall, LDS Church members from the White Mountains joined with others in the community to present an evening of dancing—with a purpose. The "2013 Dancing Stars Dance Competition" raised funds for the Friends of the Navajo Anti-Drug Coalition and the White Mountain Symphony. Leading the project were Barbara Bruce, nationally recognized radio personality and manager of KVSL radio in Pinetop-Lakeside, and Linda Bohn, Founder/Director of Ballet White Mountains.

Three area dance schools—Ballet White Mountains, Dance Academy and Canyon Creek Performing Arts—provided a full evening of performances. The schools also coached a ballroom dance competition for youth and adults. Dances were judged by the audience, and winners were announced at the end of the evening.

More than 65 youth performed. Trey Peace and Katie Flake, dancing a «Salsa» number choreographed by Becky Robinson of Dance Academy,

won the youth competition. The adult competition was won by Greg Ethridge and Dawnee Burson dancing the «Tango» with choreography by Linda Bohn of Ballet White Mountains.

A show highlight was a dance drama, choreographed and performed by Canyon Creek Performing Arts, with Mariah Moore dancing the lead. The performance was a symbolic depiction of a girl pulled down in life by negative peer pressure and drugs, finally turning her life around with help from loved ones. Mariah's parents, Hunter and Julie Moore, played her parents in the dance.

Several Church members will help



Dawnee Burson and Greg Ethridge won in the adult «tango» category at the recent Dancing Stars Competition, a benefit event held in White Mountains.

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# LDS Family Services Offers Social/Emotional Tools to Strengthen Home & Family

By Cecily Markland  
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**T**he welfare system of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is not concerned solely with the temporal welfare of Church members. In addition, under the umbrella of LDS Family Services, the Church's system "is committed to providing resources to strengthen home and family," the website at [www.providentliving.org](http://www.providentliving.org) explains.

For Mesa, Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert and Queen Creek, these services are administered from the complex near the Mesa-Tempe border that also houses the Cannery, Bishops' Storehouse and other Church welfare offices. Other offices are located in Phoenix, Tucson and Snowflake. "We address the social and emotional needs for the members," says Brad Barnett, LDS Family Services manager and a member of Grandview 2nd Ward, Mesa Central Stake.

With two other managers—Michele Hooper and Randy McBride—and six part-time staff, they provide services, including mental health counseling for Church members referred to LDS Family Services by their priesthood leaders. Consistent with Church welfare principles, members pay for their services or use their insurance. Bishops can pay for these counseling services through welfare funds, if appropriate.

"We also provide consultation to priesthood leaders about the social and emotional issues and needs of their members," Brother Barnett says.

LDS Family Services oversees stake-based addiction recovery groups as well. At the request of priesthood leaders, "We set up the groups and train the group leaders," Brother Barnett says, noting that the Church's addiction recovery program is a 12-step program that incorporates gospel principles to help individuals struggling with pornography, drugs, alcohol and other addictions. "Some who have gone through the program become facilitators themselves. Often others who are in the recovery process help as well. It's a gospel-principles based program, a spirit-driven, priesthood-supported program."

Interested individuals whose stakes haven't yet implemented an addiction recovery program can participate in one of the "76 groups going on in the area," he says.

Also effective are the Church-designed programs to strengthen marriages and families. "The manuals for the addiction recovery program and the programs to strengthen marriages and families are a great resource to priesthood leaders and members alike," Brother Barnett says.

Also through LDS Family Services, LDS couples wishing to adopt can, with ecclesiastical endorsement, use the Church's certified adoption services. At the same time, any single expectant mothers, whether LDS or not, can receive free services, including op-

tions counseling, "so they can make decisions about the direction for their lives." Single expectant parents can access services, regardless of their plans to marry, parent their child, or make an adoption plan. Services are intended to help these parents maintain their self-reliance and strengthen their relationship with the Church. Details about the adoption program are available at [www.ItsAboutLove.org](http://www.ItsAboutLove.org) or through [www.LDSFamilyServices.org](http://www.LDSFamilyServices.org)

Among the many services and resources offered, Brother Barnett particularly enjoys working with missionaries. "We do pre-mission evaluations, we work with early release missionaries and with full-time missionaries who are dealing with various issues," he says.

This, and the other work he has done with individuals over the course of his 13 1/2-year career, has been extremely rewarding.

"I love it," Brother Barnett says. "I love being able to use my therapy skills and have a toolbox of gospel-based resources to help meet social and emotional needs."

He believes these services will be increasingly more necessary as "the pressures of the world increase. The world is becoming a much different place in which to live, and the needs are becoming so great."

He adds, "The adversary seeks to isolate people

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# Mesa Mom & Grandmother Serves as First Woman President of the Arizona Management Society

By Cindy R. Williams  
The Beehive

Claudia Reeder Walters is the first woman to serve as president of the Arizona Management Society. She paved the way to her current assignment through experience in multiple careers that have spanned four decades on both coasts.

The Arizona Management Society is a chapter of the BYU Management Society. Their mission is to "Promote Moral and Ethical Leadership." Chapters worldwide focus on developing careers, networking, serving the community and supporting the Marriott School and BYU.

However, members don't have to be BYU graduates. The Arizona Management Society is open to all, Walters says.

"A few years ago, I was sometimes the only woman attending. I now expect to see a lot more women at our events. ... they bring a wealth of experience and are incredible leaders, just like the men are."

Walters points out that many women are engaged in home-based businesses and caring for their families. They network through their children's schools, church callings and in other professional networks.

"Relief Society, Primary, and Young Women leaders may not think of themselves this way, but they are in management. The woman who has a voice studio in her home or is running an Internet business from her dining room is a small business owner and entrepreneur. They constantly make ethical decisions. They need a place to discuss business ideas and to think about ethics just as those who are in what we think of as the traditional workplace," says Walters.

The Arizona Management Society's theme this year is "Networking for Success." Walter's says, "It is impor-

tant for all of us to create and maintain strong networks. The world of work is constantly shifting and those networks can help us navigate those shifts."

Members are encouraged to be examples of ethical leadership in all aspects of their lives. "We ask them to be thought leaders in their workplace in encouraging discussions around ethics," says Walters.

The group hosts a luncheon most months, with guest speakers who talk about ethics, current issues in business and other relevant topics.

Walters says, "We recently collabo-

rated with Benedictine University in Mesa to bring Bill O'Rourke to Arizona to speak. I heard Bill speak at a leadership training meeting at BYU in October. His presentation was compelling and I wanted it to be heard in Arizona."

Upcoming luncheons are scheduled for February 20, March 20, April 10 and May 8. For more information, or to become a member of the Arizona Management Society, visit [www.arizona.byums.org](http://www.arizona.byums.org)

A member of Lehi Stake, Walters currently serves as a Relief Society teacher. She is the Vice President of



Photo by Carolyn Dickerson.

Claudia Reeder Walters is the first woman president of the Arizona Management Society.

Mesa United Way and is on the Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau Board and the Board of Directors of the Children's Action Alliance.

Walters and her husband, Steve, have five children and 12 grandchildren. She will cheerfully tell you that her hardest job was raising her children and that she worked every single day during that part of her life.

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and to destroy the connections that exist in relationships." Programs administered by LDS Family Services, on the other hand, are based on the fact that "man was not meant to be alone," and we need each other." While the adversary "scatters people, the Savior gathers."

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# Man Serves 12 Years & Counting at Bishops' Storehouse

By Cecily Markland  
The Beehive

**W**hen Bishop Robert “Bob” Anderson couldn’t find anyone in his Mesa 28th Ward to fill a welfare assignment at the Bishop’s Storehouse, he says, “I sent myself.”

Shortly thereafter, he signed on as a full-time missionary at the Bishops’ Storehouse. That was 12 years and three mission calls ago, and Bob, 79, is poised to start on his fourth mission there this year.

Before his missions at the storehouse, Brother Anderson had served two stake missions and, as a young man, had served a full-time mission to the California Fresno mission.

Today, as a Church Services Missionary, he works 30 to 40 hours a week, using skills he had built his career on.

“I drove truck for 45 years and had experience driving a fork lift,” Brother Anderson says. “I had time to spend, and it’s something I love to do. I love

working with the truck drivers.”

He now helps in the cannery and dry pack warehouse, “driving the fork lift, helping keep the storehouse stocked and loading four or five trucks a week.”

Seldom, over the past 12 years, has anyone else had to load the trucks that take welfare food orders to outlying areas.

Born and raised in Mesa, Bob and his wife, Marlene, raised six children in the Mesa community and still live in the same 28th Ward (now Miller Ward) area. They have 32 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

“My family means the world to me,” he says. He and Marlene have cared for her mother for the past 16 years. In addition to spending as much time as possible with his family, he has also devoted 15 years to working on family history. He has served as a family history consultant and is actively involved in indexing and arbitrating



Photo by Cecily Markland

For the past 12 years, Bob Anderson has served as a missionary at the Bishops’ Storehouse, where he spends 30 to 40 hours a week driving a forklift, loading the trucks and contributing to the welfare program he believes in.

as well, having done more than half a million names.

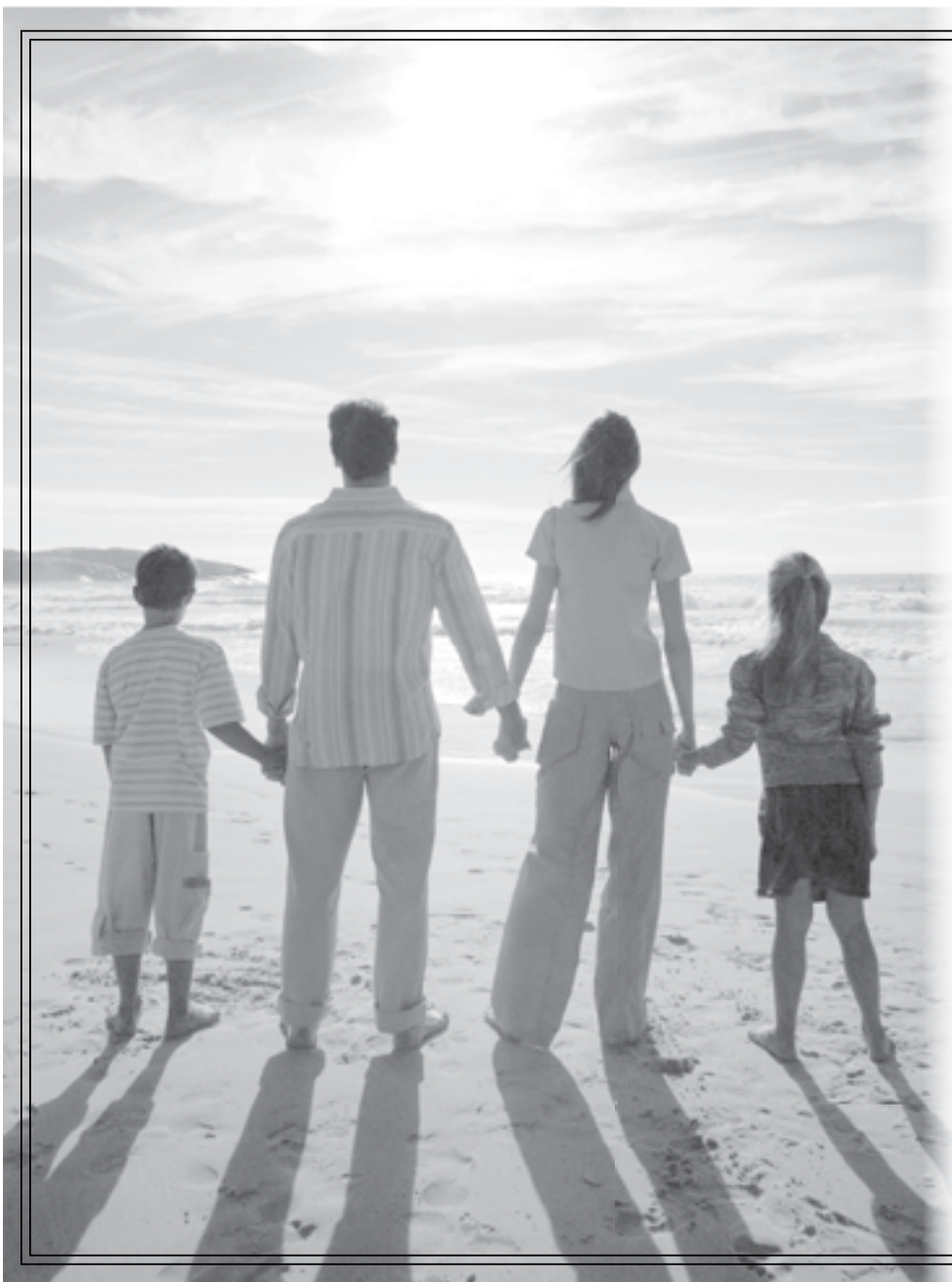
The only member of the LDS Church on his father’s side, Brother Anderson’s mother was an Ellsworth, her father was Edmund Ellsworth, one of the early LDS pioneers who settled in the Mesa area. He credits his activity in the Church and his testimony of the gospel to his grandmother. “I moved in with my grandmother when I was 16 and she sent us to Church,” he says.

In addition to his missionary service, Brother Anderson has filled a number of other ward and stake callings, including as a bishop, stake high councilor,

high priest group leader, family history consultant, ward clerk, and financial clerk “for years and years.”

He also has been active in the community, and he continues to work, as he has for many years, as a referee for high school basketball, track and other sports in Mesa, Tempe and Chandler.

Brother Anderson says he also plans to continue his work at the Bishops’ Storehouse. After all, he says. “It is the Lord’s work,” and adds, “I love it there and will keep working until I fall over or until they tell me to stop, I guess.”



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# ROCKIN' R RANCH

## Celebrating 30 YEARS in the Saddle

By Cecily Markland  
The Beehive

For the past 30 years, Rockin' R Ranch has been known for chuckwagon dinners and foot-stompin' entertainment, where millions of visitors have experienced a taste of Arizona's Old West heritage. The ranch has been in the Robson family for five generations. In 1878, more than a century ago, Brigham Young sent Big Jim's great, great grandfather, Charles Innes Robson, and three other families to establish a colony near the junction of the Salt and Verde Rivers.

The group arrived by covered wagon February 14, 1878. Soon, the town of Mesa was established. By the 1960's, the Robson family holdings—including what is now Rockin' R Ranch—stretched from Colorado to Arizona where the family raised thoroughbred racehorses and cattle. Big Jim grew up around working cowboys—eating BBQ beef and Dutch-oven biscuits around the chuckwagon.

Big Jim and Sweet Mary were married shortly after he returned from an LDS mission to England. Soon they were performing with their family band (The "Family Way"), for church dances and local hotels. When they were "discovered" by a Las Vegas agent, Big Jim says, "We jumped at the chance and signed on to tour all across North America, including the Super Bowl in Phoenix and national television."

Thirteen years later, with two children and one on the way, the Robsons returned to Mesa, with the idea of turning the old family ranch into a western town and dinner showplace. They spent six months going to bank after bank "until we found one willing to loan us barely enough to get started.

When they opened January 6, 1984, "we weren't even half finished—out of money—with no experience and no electricity! We actually ran an extension cord from our mobile home, over to the main building for lights, and we cooked that first night's food in our little mobile home's oven," Big Jim says.

With no advertising money, for the month before they opened, "Sweet Mary stood out on Baseline Road, eight month's pregnant, with a toddler in one arm and free tickets in the other, giving the tickets away to those who

drove by."

Within a few weeks, they were filling the barn-like dining hall with 800 people a night—six nights a week, plus some matinees. Guests came by the hundreds—and kept coming.

Still today—30 years later—an evening at the Rockin' R Ranch includes an all-you-can-eat BBQ dinner with all the trimmings, followed by a foot stompin', hand clappin' western stage

show with the now, "world famous," Rockin' R Wranglers. The evening still includes gunfights, gold panning, and gift shops. Millions from around the world have visited since its opening; hundreds have taken their wedding vows in the garden wedding areas; and thousands of school children have experienced Arizona's history at Rockin' R Ranch.

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*After the practice of holding prayer before Mesa Public School board meetings was criticized, Michele Udall and other members of the board worked to create a new policy that was both legal and fair.*

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# Mesa Mom Takes a STAND FOR PRAYER

By Cecily Markland  
The Beehive

**W**hen a Mesa mother of four recently took a stand for her beliefs, the result was a win for religious freedom and for the entire Mesa community.

Michele Udall, her husband, Jesse, and their four children are members of Thayer Park Ward, Mountain View Stake. She also is a member of the school board for Mesa Public Schools, where she has served for three years.

She says, this past November, after receiving a letter complaining about the

school board's practice of beginning of their meetings prayer, the five-member board voted to replace those invocations with a moment of silence. "We discontinued the prayers, but that didn't sit well with us as a board. We are all people of faith," Michele says.

In an op ed piece published in the Arizona Republic, Michele wrote: "Beginning school board meetings with prayer is an honored tradition in Mesa, long upheld and appreciated by the community. Likewise, the Supreme Court has noted that beginning public meetings of deliberative bodies with prayer is a part of the fabric of our society."

Still, she says, they wanted to ensure the policy that had been in place since the beginning of Mesa Public Schools, was both "legal and appropriate."

Michele, a native of Mesa and a graduate of Westwood High School, went to MIT after being awarded a full-ride scholarship to be on their gymnastics team. She returned home to Mesa when her father passed away,

then left for a short time again to serve an 18-month LDS mission to the Philippines. Following her mission, she graduated from Arizona State University in computer software engineering.

"I got involved in the schools when my oldest started school," Michele says. She decided to run for the school board, believing, "it was an area where I could help, where I thought I could be an influence for good."

When prayer in the board meetings was questioned, Michele's response haled back to her childhood. "I grew up in a home where parents taught us to pray, where prayer was practiced regularly as a family and individually."

She also knew, as she wrote in her op ed piece, "In Arizona, prayer has been a part of public meetings for more than 100 years. In 1910, the Arizona Constitutional Convention was opened with an invocation and our State Legislature has opened with prayer since statehood. Mesa City Council Meetings and Mesa School Board Meetings

have also begun with prayer since their earliest beginnings."

Yet, she says, when the complaint against the school board was filed, "We looked at our policy and found potential holes in it. We needed to make it more appropriate and positive for everyone in the district."

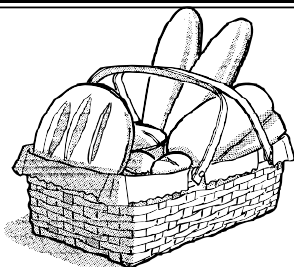
It was determined, "The opportunity to offer an invocation ought to be opened up to any and all faiths represented in the district," Michele wrote.

A new policy was written to that effect and, in January, the school board voted unanimously to reinstate prayer and to invite clergy from all religions in the community to take a turn at leading those prayers.

Michele, who is currently running for the State Legislature says she is happy with the resolution.

"Prayer helps set the tone for the deliberations that are to follow," she says, adding, "Our Founding Fathers clearly did not intend for prayer to be banished from public meetings."

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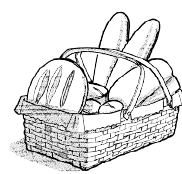
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## Young Men's Group Completes 57-mile "Tour de Temples"

By Cecily Markland  
The Beehive

It was a grueling, six-hour, 57-mile bike ride across the Valley, as members of the priest quorum of the Greenfield 1st Ward, Chandler East Stake, completed what they called "Tour de Temples." The six young men and four leaders started at the Gilbert Temple, proceeded to the Mesa Temple and then continued on to the finish line at the Phoenix Temple.

"It was so far, it was overwhelming," says Chad Thompson, Young Men's President. Yet, he adds, "The young men learned about helping each other, persevering through it, even though they had doubts at first. Relying on each other, we were able to accomplish our goal."

Ammon Krauser, 18, says, "I like to work. I like challenges," but, one

aspect of the ride made it seem longer and much harder than he anticipated. "Our tires kept going out," he says. "We'd have to stop and fix them and then get going again." Ammon says, "One of my friends stayed with me and helped me through the ride." Then, "just as we came over the top of the hill and, it really was like, right over that hill, we saw the [Phoenix] temple and I was motivated to finish."

"It was definitely easier with my quorum there," says Jacob Fisher, 16. "We don't have to do things alone. Often going through things with friends and family make that trial easier."

Seventeen-year-old Tristan Nell, says the Tour de Temples, "was actually not as hard as I thought it would be." Yet, he adds, it was the slow and



Young men and their leaders—including (l to r) Ethan Carroll, Jacob Fisher, Bishop Nathan Andersen, Kelly Mullenau, Chandon Herring, Tristan Mell, Jeremy Johnson, Chad Thompson, Ammon Krauser and Dallin Thompson—recently completed the Tour de Temples, a 57-mile bike ride from the Gilbert to Mesa and on to the Phoenix temple.

steady, 13-mile-per-hour pace they kept "that actually made it pretty easy."

Tristan says, like other things in life, "Small, simple steps help to make a big process easy." He says he learned, "You can't expect to have zero preparation and then do something good. You can't procrastinate and try to do it all at the last second."

Dallin Thompson, 17, agrees. He says, he learned, "You have to persevere. Some things present more challenges than others. We have to keep going."

He adds that he was impressed "with the spirit and excitement that was

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# Mesa Arizona Temple Visitors' Center Welcomes New Directors

By Cecily Markland  
The Beehive

For the second time, Scott Wallace Cameron, 67, has taken a leave of absence as associate dean of the Brigham Young University Law School to serve as a missionary, this time as Director of the Mesa Temple Visitors' Center.

He and his wife, Christine Cannon Cameron, members of the Pleasant View 8th Ward, Provo Utah Sharon East Stake, are serving in Arizona together, as they did in 2003, when Elder Cameron was president of the Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Mission.

Elder Cameron was serving as a branch president at the Provo Missionary Training Center prior to his current calling, and he is a former member of the Young Men general board. He also has served as a counselor in a stake presidency, bishop, counselor in a bishopric and, as a young man, was a full-time missionary in the British South Mission.

Sister Cameron is a former stake Relief Society President, stake Primary president, counselor in stake Young Women and Primary presidencies and ward Young Women president.

They decided on another mission because, "We wanted to take another opportunity to serve while we still had good health," Elder Cameron says, adding, "We're pleased to be called to this two-year mission."

He explains, as Visitors' Center Directors, "We work with 24 wonderful sister missionaries, 12 English-speaking, 12 Spanish-speaking, who have a special calling as Visitors' Center

sisters. We serve, as do they, in the Arizona Mesa Mission, under the direction of President and Sister Jenkins."

Visitors' Center missionaries spend half their time in the center, half in their own area. They also work online. "They all have iPads and are encouraged to stay in touch with people they've met and teach then online," Elder Cameron says. "They also invite people to the Center and teach them there."

He emphasizes, "These missionaries are our greatest asset. People who come into the Center are very attentive to these young, capable sisters."

In addition to serving as a hub of activity for full-time missionaries, the Visitors' Center also serves as a resource for families, auxiliary leaders and Church members wanting to share the gospel with their friends.

"A lot of members bring their children; Young Men and Young Women's organizations bring groups for their weekly activities; some bring friends in" to learn from the displays and movies or to meet with the missionaries, Elder Cameron says.

"There are so many things in the Center that are great teaching tools," Sister Cameron adds.



Photo courtesy Scott and Christine Cameron  
Scott Cameron, with his wife, Christine, is serving as the new Director of the Mesa Temple Visitors' Center.

Interactive displays, such as "The Neighborhood," are particularly interesting to young children.

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"The Visitors' Center is a wonderful

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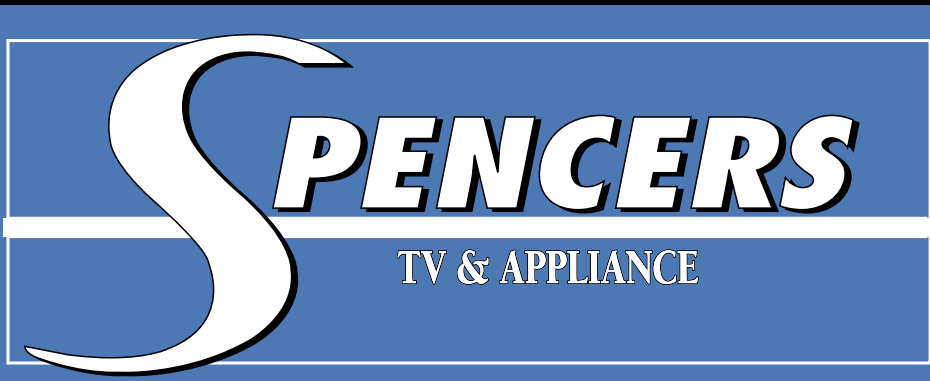
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# Sister Elaine Dalton to Keynote This Summer's Time to Blossom Conference

By Cecily Markland  
The Beehive

Elaine Dalton, former General Young Women's President, will be the keynote speaker at Time to Blossom this June.

Time to Blossom, based in Mesa, has earned the reputation of a staple summer activity for junior high and high school age young women throughout Arizona.

The weeklong, highly interactive, educational and entertaining conferences are designed to empower young women with inner strength, courage, and confidence to reach their potential and find lasting happiness.

Cofounder Carla Jorgensen says, "The over-arching mission of Time to Blossom is for girls to be able to follow their mission in life, dream big, and have the confidence to implement those goals."

While speaking with cofounder Debbie Forrest, Sister Dalton said, "We need more places where young women can go to be strengthened and have spiritual experiences." Sister Dalton believes,

"One virtuous young woman, led by the Spirit, can change the world."

At Time to Blossom, speakers like Sister Dalton along with other popular presenters and entertainers help teach such principles through instructive, inspiring sessions and activities.

"We want the girls to know they can create a life of joy and happiness. Yes, there will be challenges along the way, but as they stay focused and have confidence in themselves, they can create a powerful future and become and do all they desire," Sister Forrest says.

The organization recently received 501(c)(3) non-profit status, which will bring more opportunities to the program through donations from citizens and companies. The founders do not make money from Time to Blossom; instead, all proceeds go directly into the program. Time to Blossom has awarded nearly 100 full and partial scholarships over the years to help financially burdened young women attend the conference. DownEast Basics Clothing gives

scholarships and sponsors the fashion show every year and Scrapbooks Etc. sponsored the craft project last year. With many activities available for sponsorship, the most important is the service project, Sister Jorgensen says.

Each year, Time to Blossom features a large-scale service project. Past projects have benefitted orphaned children in Africa, children at Child Crisis Center in Mesa, missionaries in Brazil, and women at Fresh Start Women's Foundation in Phoenix.

"When you serve others, you learn to love them. When you love others, you learn to love yourself," Sister Jorgensen says, "and that is what we want the young women to learn."

For this year's project, conference participants will assemble special hygiene kits for girls in Africa through the organization Days for Girls ([www.DaysForGirls.org](http://www.DaysForGirls.org)).

"We hope to put together 500 kits, but at a cost of \$10 per kit, that will be difficult for us to accomplish without



Photo courtesy Time to Blossom

Elaine Dalton, Young Women's General President from 2008 to 2013, will be the keynote speaker and will join other inspirational speakers and entertainers at this summer's Time to Blossom conference for junior high and high school-age girls.

help from the community," she adds.

Conference organizers say their hope for Time to Blossom attendees is that, after spending a week of being immersed in uplifting and testimony-strengthening activities and talks, they will be filled with excitement for what their future holds.

For information about this year's presenters, about registering for this year's conference, sponsoring a young woman with a scholarship or helping the program in its future endeavors, please visit: [www.TimeToBlossom.com](http://www.TimeToBlossom.com).



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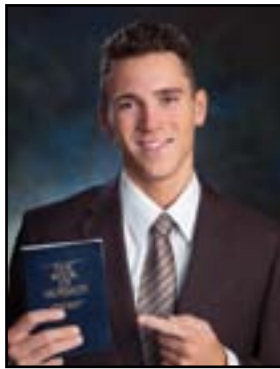
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# LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP

## Coming Back to Phoenix

By Linda Turley-Hansen  
The Beehive

Arizona youth have an opportunity, this summer, to learn the governmental process from the inside, as Patriot Academy returns to Arizona for the second year. Founders call it an “intensive leadership boot camp,” to prepare the next generation to lead change in America. Academy presentations are designed to fortify students—ages 16 to 25—with founding, conservative principles, which are under major duress in the current political climate.

Patriot Academy, conducted nationwide, comes to Phoenix July 15–18, 2014. Registration is currently under way.

Laura Ciscomani of Tucson, Patriot Academy alumna, says, at last year’s Arizona camp, “We had 32 students acting as State Senators with a Senate President and Governor. We completely filled the Arizona State Senate, which seats 30 Senators.”

Ciscomani, a Stanford University graduate and now program manager for the Southwest Region, says, at Patriot Academy, students experience the political system and its language and how to pursue their ideal goals. “Before arriving to the Academy, students drafted legislation to present in their committees and later strategized to move through the legislative process.”

She says, “Something in me clicked. For the first time in my life, I was presented with a philosophy of govern-

ment based on free-market principles, personal responsibility, and traditional values. Ultimately, I realized that simply knowing my beliefs is insufficient. I must be able to defend my value system with intelligent and informed arguments.”

Student governor, Joel Fisher, agrees, saying: “This academy is not only about politics, it is about finding out who you are and what you believe.”

Patriot Academy began more than a decade ago, when Texas State Representative Rick Green became



Photo courtesy the Patriot Academy

Like the students (shown above) who participated in the 2013 Patriot Academy in Arizona, young men and women ages 16 to 25, will have an opportunity again this summer to participate in a hands-on experience to learn about leadership and the governmental process from the inside.

concerned about his colleagues’ lack of understanding regarding conservative principles. He designed Patriot Academy to “train up a new generation of conservative leaders.”

“I believe students are hungry to learn about our nation’s history and process,” Ciscomani says. She says

this is proven out as participants seem to gladly give up a week out of their summer, spend long days at the capitol and get little-to-no sleep to participate in the “life-changing” event.

To explore further, visit [www.patriotacademy.com](http://www.patriotacademy.com). With questions, email: [laura@patriotacademy.com](mailto:laura@patriotacademy.com).

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displayed as we got to each individual temple. I distinctly remember as we approached the Phoenix Temple, a gradual incline arose, this alone made me realize it’s not an easy feat to make it to the temple and the adversary tends to inflict the greatest challenges in our way to sway us off our vital journey to salvation.”

Brother Thompson says he learned powerful lessons right along with the young men. “The crowning moment for me was at the very end. There’s a half-mile stretch, a steep hill, on 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue. At the top of that, it drops off and you see the Phoenix Temple. It was kind of overcast, but a ray of light was shining right through on the temple.”

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# LIVE TRUE

## Youth Celebrate the Temple

By Evelyn Hendrix  
The Beehive

It's nearly dusk in the desert, and a dozen teenagers are up to something. It involves an ax, a saw, a washboard and one very loud goat. Fortunately, a shrewdly placed camera catches everything on film.

But, these teens aren't worried that their parents might see their antics. Instead, they are making a music video—one that is sure to tug at a few heartstrings. It will be part of the youth cultural celebration presented Saturday, March 1, marking the opening of the new Gilbert Arizona Temple.

With nearly 12,000 youth, 12 to 18 years old, from the 25 stakes within the temple district participating, the celebration held at Gilbert's Discovery

Park will be the largest of its kind. Nearly 6,000 adult volunteers have helped in many ways, from supervising and organizing, to making costumes.

After months of practice, the youth will act, sing and dance for the President Thomas S. Monson, President Henry B. Eyring and other distinguished guests. Due to space limitations, the performance will not be open to the public, but will be shown live via satellite at 7 p.m. March 1 in chapels across the Valley. It may even be possible to watch the celebration from home, as Phoenix's ABC15 is considering airing the performance live with no commercial interruptions.



Photo by Evelyn Hendrix

Youth from across the Gilbert Temple district come together to produce a music video portraying early Arizona settlers. The video will be shown between choreographed songs as part of the Cultural Celebration on March 1 at Gilbert's Discovery Park.

"We're 90 percent sure that it will be on channel 15," says Roseanne Tidwell, celebration chairperson.

Sister Tidwell explains that work on the celebration began long before the temple announcement in 2008. A few years earlier, she was working on a script for a multi-stake dance festival, along with Jason Barney, Richard Madsen and his brother, Robert Madsen, a professional composer and musician.

"Then, all the dance festivals in the

Church were cancelled so the money could go toward building temples," she says. Unwilling to give up on their hard work, they continued to tweak music and lyrics until it evolved into a musical about Daniel, the Old Testament prophet.

"Daniel made the decision to pray even though it carried the sentence of death," Robert Madsen explains. The Bible story inspired him to write a song titled "I Choose This Day." Sister Tidwell entered the musical in a Church contest.

"It didn't win," she says. "But, we were told, 'You know there's going to be a temple down there.'" The group continued to work on the script, and Brother Madsen composed more songs with the idea that it might be a good fit for the cultural celebration.

They thought their musical may be considered, "but no one asked us," says Brother Madsen. Then, Sister Tidwell recalls a phone call from Elder David LeSueur, of the Quorum of the Seventy and recently called as the Gilbert Temple President.

"He saw potential in what we had written," she says. The musical was approved by Church leaders and planning began.

"I was excited about the possibility of a faith-based celebration," says Brother Madsen, who regularly writes



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# Arizonan Shoots to “CRASH THE SUPER BOWL”

By Evelyn Hendrix  
The Beehive

**A**s a youngster growing up in Thatcher, Arizona, Chris Capel dreamed of becoming an actor. With 13 siblings, he had a ready-made audience, so he jumped on the nearest stage.

Soon, Capel realized he felt more at home behind a camera. It was a good move. One that propelled him to a chance at fame associated with the most popular televised event in the world: the 2014 Super Bowl.

With the help of a friend, Richard Price, Capel created a commercial for the Doritos “Crash the Super Bowl” advertising contest. His ad was one of five finalists selected from thousands of entries from 30 countries. The winner, chosen by public voting along with a second ad chosen by a team from Doritos and Marvel Comics, aired dur-

ing the Super Bowl. The creators of the two top ads also won a chance to work on the upcoming movie, “*Marvel’s The Avengers: Age of Ultron*.” Although Capel’s ad did not win the top prize, he and Price split a \$25,000 prize.

Capel, 33, says his ad is “just something that a couple of regular guys did.” But, this “regular guy” managed to convince a couple of seasoned actors to help him out. The result is a hilarious look at the stereotypical “office thief” who steals only one thing from his co-workers: Doritos. He denies his crime, in spite of the orange evidence smeared all over his clothes and face.

Capel was surprised his ad was chosen as a finalist. “Stan Lee, the godfather of Marvel Comics, called me,” he says. “I thought someone was pranking me. It was pretty surreal.”



Photo by Lindsey Capel

Chris Capel, far right, takes a break from filming with the actors in his Doritos commercial. Larry Cedar, left, is the boss who confronts the office thief played by Steve Olson, center.

As a teen, Capel enjoyed the comedic satire of movies like Monty Python and Ground Hog Day. After a stint at Eastern Arizona College and an LDS mission in Toronto, Canada, Capel returned to Arizona. He connected with Price in Phoenix, packed up and headed to California. Capel landed a job as

an animator with DreamWorks, working on movies that included “Shrek 4,” “Monsters vs Aliens” and “Turbo.”

When the company downsized last year, Capel found himself with plenty

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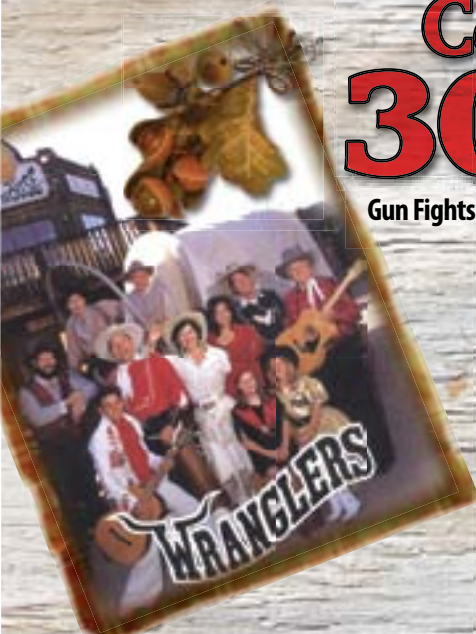
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## Young Single Adults Socialize & Serve During First of its Kind Regional YSA Conference



Photo courtesy YSA Regional Conference Committee

*Approximately 4,000 young single adults gathered to hear Mitt and Ann Romney, along with other well-known speakers and performers, who addressed the topic of overcoming obstacles at the recent YSA Regional Conference held in Tempe.*

By Cecily Markland  
The Beehive

**S**ocializing, service and a slate of well-known speakers with particularly inspirational messages combined to attract approximately 4,000 young singles adults to a regional conference held at Arizona State University in January.

The event is one of the first of its kind in Arizona, said Paul E. Gilbert, stake president of the Tempe Arizona YSA Stake, one of five YSA stakes in the Valley that worked together to plan and participate in the event.

"It's the largest YSA conference ever held outside of Utah," adds Paul Rowley, counselor in the stake presidency of the Mesa YSA West Stake,

Speakers included Sheri Dew, Mitt and Ann Romney, retired NBA player Thurl Bailey, ASU president Michael Crow and plane crash survivor and best-selling author Stephanie Neilson and her husband, Christian. Also addressing the thousands of young people were — Clark Gilbert, president and CEO of Deseret News Publishing Company; former NFL quarterback Danny White; former NFL player Vai Sikahema. Broadway actress Christeena Driggs and her husband, Jeff — all discussing the topic of facing challenges with faith.

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**Regional YSA Conference**  
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The central theme of the conference was taken from the quote from President Gordon B. Hinckley: “There is no obstacle too great, no challenge too difficult, that we cannot meet with faith.”

“There was a great feeling as speakers reminded young single adults that there isn’t an obstacle they can’t overcome,” says Brittney Phelps, a member of the Mesa 3rd Ward, Mesa YSA West Stake, who served on the planning committee. Then, she added, young adults “put aside strife” and “came together” to “meet each other, engage in activities, serve, and have fun.”

Brittney says the service project was a highlight of the conference. On Saturday afternoon, participants were asked to each spend an hour helping to put together the 20,000 school kits that were completed and donated to National Relief Charities and distributed to Native Americans, including to 13 tribes in Arizona.

“It was so amazing to walk in and see so many people in service, while talking, laughing and having fun,” said Brittney.

The weekend activities also included a dinner, dance and live music and concerts with singer Alex Boye and “American Idol Finalist” Brooke

White. On Sunday, the young single adults met together for a two-hour sacrament meeting in the Gammage Auditorium on the ASU campus.

“It was neat to see the sacrament administered and passed to that many people in a short amount of time, to see that many young adults renew their covenants together.”

President Gilbert says the regional conference was intended to inspire and motivate conference attendees but, also, to “simultaneously increase their opportunities to meet with other young single adults where there was really no opportunity to do so on such a grand scale.”

Brittney laughs, admitting that “matchmaking” was definitely one of the goals of the conference.

“We hoped people would meet friends, find dates and maybe even meet someone to marry. As we planned, I would say you never know, you might meet your future husband, a new best friend or a future wife,” she said. “You never know who you might meet, so you don’t want to miss out on that opportunity.”

Yet, she adds, whether any of the new associations will lead to marriage or not, “I feel like this conference was a great experience that changed lives. It was a ton of work, but it was definitely worth it. It was an amazing opportunity that can never be replaced.”

**Crash the Super Bowl**  
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of spare time. That’s when he decided to take on the Doritos challenge. Capel and Price brainstormed until they came up with the idea of an office thief.

“I wanted to enter for a long time,” says Capel. “But we waited until we found the right concept.” After writing the script and a week of preproduction, Capel brought out his camera. He rented a nearby office and shot the video in just six hours. His budget was only \$1500. He might enter again, and if he wins the million-

dollar prize, Capel has plans to share. “Seven of my siblings were adopted from Africa,” he explains. “I would like to give a big chunk of [the money] to a charity that helps with adoption.” Capel’s wife, Lindsey, also has plans. “She says we are going to start a family,” he says with a chuckle. “More than the money, I’m excited about the career opportunities,” says Capel. His goal is to direct science fiction movies someday. Perhaps he will even have an office with a thief who steals his Doritos.

**New Directors at Visitors Center**  
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resource for families,” he adds. “It’s also a kind way to interest friends of other faiths.”

The Camerons remind Saints throughout the Valley, “The Visitors’ Center is for the entire area.”

Elder Cameron says the Gilbert Temple open house has introduced many people who would like to know more. “The Visitors’ Center would be a wonderful second visit,” he says. “The Center has an entire display on temples.”

From that display along with the diorama of Jerusalem and the temples

of Solomon and Herod, “People get a sense of why the temple is so important. They realize that God’s people have always been temple builders.”

Sister Cameron says in the short time they have been in Arizona, they have come to appreciate Arizona and the people here.

Sister Cameron says, “We’ve already fallen in love with the desert, with this whole area and with this beautiful Mesa Temple.”

“We are just very happy to be here and look forward to serving here,” Elder Cameron says.



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### Adds New Triumphs to Old Traditions

By Cecily Markland  
The Beehive

**T**hey say you can't teach an old dog new tricks; yet, what about when a business, operating in the same "old" location it has for 39 years, on land settled by pioneers, just keeps reinventing itself, getting better and more customer-friendly all the time?

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"We go across the country looking for the best, low-mileage used cars, and we acquire inventory via our connections from all over the nation," he says.

They specialize in VW, Audi, BMW and Mini Cooper, Toyota, Nissan, Honda, Volvo, Kia and Hyundai, maintaining a large inventory of 350 cars, trucks and vans,

"With all these nice cars, we get really great vehicles in on trade."

The result is an assortment "of fun

to drive, exceptionally clean, low-mileage, reliable cars," many still under manufacturers' warranties.

Because LeSueur Car Company is on a county island, customers pay no city sales tax, saving 2 percent or more. Plus, customers can visit [www.usedvwaudi.com](http://www.usedvwaudi.com) for a \$300-off coupon. Unlike most competitors, Warren explains. "Our customers have no surprises, just an honest, upfront, low-pressure car-buying experience."

"We offer great financing, trade ins are welcome, and we ship to most places in the nation," Warren says.

When it comes to service, the same standard of excellence applies. LeSueur's recently added a 6,400-square-foot showroom, display area and state-of-the-art shop as well.

"We've been continually improving to make sure our customers have no need to go anywhere else," Warren says. "We can take care of all your automobile needs with personal, expert service right here in one location."

"We do excellent paint and body-work and all maintenance and repairs. We have the lowest shop rates in town, and we work on all makes and models."

Service writer Ken Kerns and LeSueur's team of well-qualified,



Photo by Ryan Biggs

At LeSueur Car Company, customers find the excellent value of "new car standards at used car prices," and a knowledgeable and customer-oriented staff, including (l to r) Ryan LeSueur, Kris LeSueur, Steven LeSueur, James LeSueur, Ryan Biggs and Joe Grimes.

ASE-certified technicians employ specialized computerized diagnostic equipment, top-of-the-line Hunter alignment and tire mounting and balancing machines and BG engine, transmission and brake cleaners.

Warren and Carolyn say their service staff and sales team—including their sons and long-term employees, Kris, James and Steven; their nephew, Kyle LeSueur; Ryan Biggs, Ryan Kessler and Riley Price—deserve the credit for LeSueur's A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau and a 5.0 rating at DealerRater.com.

"We have empowered our great staff to make decisions on the best way to run various aspects of the company," Warren says. "Each does great job independently, but they complement each other and make a great excellent team."

Warren says each of his employees is dedicated to personal development as well.

"They all have completed or are actively pursuing college degrees. They are involved in church and community service, and they are committed young fathers—many with babies that were born this year."

Sales staff members speak Spanish, Portuguese, Philippine Vesyan and the Cebu language.

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country and pop music. "It is pointed to the theme of living true to the faith."

The program highlights heroes throughout ancient and modern history, who lived true to the faith, beginning with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and Captain Moroni. It also

depicts the courage of early Arizonans: the pioneers, Native Americans and Hispanics whose sacrifice and culture has enriched the state.

As Brother Madsen wrote the music, "it became apparent that the modern heroes are our youth. They sacrifice too, by serving missions and living true to the faith today."

Although the time commitment to

rehearse the performance is great, the youth have demonstrated a willingness and commitment to make that sacrifice.

"They have really taken these songs to heart," adds Brother Madsen. He hopes that by singing about the children of Abraham, the youth know that, by staying true to the faith, "they are also children of Abraham."

Youth involvement in the cultural celebrations presented in conjunction with temple dedications has become a tradition around the world.

"President Monson loves [them] because it changes the lives of the youth," says Sister Tidwell. "It gets them excited and it changes their goals. It gets them to the temple."

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**High school senior, Payton Dastrup, was heavily recruited by several colleges before he made his**



Picture courtesy David Dastrup

**decision to play basketball for BYU after serving a full-time mission.**

## Highly Recruited Basketball Prospect Faces Tough Choices

By Stacy Johnson  
The Beehive

**N**ationally ranked basketball player, Payton Dastrup, is a priest in the Mesa Vista Ward, Lehi Stake.

The son of David and Kristen Dastrup and a high school senior, Payton plays power forward for his Mesa Mountain View varsity team and is ranked #3 in the state.

"My high school coach uses me mostly as a back-to-the-basket guy. ... I have a good outside shot. I rebound

really well offensively and defensively," Payton says.

The young man was heavily recruited by several schools around the country and had gone on official visits to many of the campuses. He says he felt most comfortable at Brigham Young University when he visited there this past September.

"I have grown up following BYU. I really like the program. The coaching staff is awesome. Coach Rose is a con-

sistent winner, and they are bringing in good recruits as well. They have good classes for the next two seasons."

However, in November, on "letter of intent" day, Payton made his choice to play for Ohio State University. A few days, questioning his decision, Payton told his father that he didn't feel right about it anymore.

"I wasn't 100 percent happy with my choice," he says.

Payton's dad helped him sort out his misgivings and, ultimately, six days later, Payton withdrew his commitment from Ohio State and called BYU to accept their offer.

"I did it for me," Payton says. "I've been a BYU fan forever. The coaching staff and guys that I'll be playing with are a force to be reckoned with."

As for another decision—that to serve a full-time mission—Payton says, he originally planned to play at

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**W**ith experience as a police officer and in the military, Jason Mow has firsthand the dark challenges that come with fighting crime and in combat.

Yet, while in combat, Jason was inspired to write a series of books about true character and exemplary heroes—those he knew from reading the Book of Mormon.

“It was like the stories played like a movie in my head,” says Brother Mow, a member of the Lazona Ward, Mesa Central Stake.

As he wrote the text of *A Hero Rises: Moroni and the Battle of Manti*, the first book in The War Chapters series—Brother Mow knew he wanted to include illustrations as well.

“The story taught lessons about

character and integrity; powerful, hero-type images would inspire young readers to be like those men they would read about,” Jason says.

He approached Gabe Bonilla, of the Santan Branch, Chandler East Stake, and a talented illustrator and owner of Bonilla Design.

“He pretty much nailed it. He created characters based on the images I saw in my head, even down to the unique design of the sword,” Brother Mow says. “The images are powerful and motivational.”

Poster-size copies of the image of Captain Moroni as well as other heroes from Jason Mow’s books are available at [www.TheWarChapters.com](http://www.TheWarChapters.com). Also, on the website, a chapter from Jason’s first book can be downloaded free.

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**Payton Dastrup**  
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least a year of basketball before going on a mission, but the age change for missionaries changed that.

“I’m going on the mission after I graduate from high school this June. ... It is something I have been looking forward to since I was 12 or 13. It’s something I have been preparing for.”

Payton’s parents say they have tried to leave that decision up to their son.

“If Payton feels pressure about serving a mission, I hope it’s pressure he places on himself out of respect for the commitment needed to serve diligently,” his father says.

Payton demonstrated his commitment and preparation for sharing the

gospel even as he made college visits.

His father says, “Coaches less familiar with the process of serving a mission had questions and we personally had some very meaningful conversations about missions with a dozen or more different coaches.”

The father and son arranged for the full-time missionaries to meet with a few of those coaches to explain what Payton would be doing day to day as he serves a mission.

When confronted by those who question his decision to serve and how it will affect his playing ability by the time he returns, Payton responds, “The rewards that serving a mission offer are 100 times greater than winning a national championship ... a mission is not a question.”



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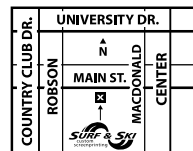
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# One Call to Fix Plumbing Problems



By Emily Robbins  
The Beehive

**P**lumbing issues are messy and stressful, and the sooner they are taken care of, the better. That's why Rob Steiner works hard to provide 24/7 plumbing services, through his business One Call Plumbing, serving people in Mesa, Tempe, Scottsdale, and surrounding cities.

Rob recently took the helm of the business started by his father, Glen Steiner, who passed away in November with his wife, Leslie, in a tragic plane crash while on vacation in the Bahamas. Rob will continue to build on the company's reputation and his father's tradition of helping others.

In an interview last September, Glen said, "We started One Call Plumbing services because I thought that I could take care of people. I wanted to take care of people better than the competitors, and I think I do a good job."

Glen began working with plumbing

and repair in the Valley in 1988. He went out on his own, starting One Call Plumbing in February 2004.

Glen's number one desire with One Call Plumbing was to be able to help people when they need it the most.

Today, the company has fully trained technicians ready to serve residential homes within two hours of the initial phone call.

"Whether it's three a.m. or three in the afternoon, if somebody has a problem we're gonna be there for them," said Glen.

From the office staff to the technicians, employees at One Call Plumbing are well trained, knowledgeable and courteous. Recent customers can attest to the care the company takes.

"I am just tickled to death with how wonderful everyone [at One Call Plumbing] has been," says Randy Winsor, a member of the Peralta Ward. "The office staff was so supportive and



Photo courtesy of One Call Plumbing

Located in Mesa, One Call Plumbing, with their friendly, customer-oriented office staff and well-trained technicians, offers prompt response and top quality, 24/7 service to Mesa, Tempe, Scottsdale and surrounding areas.

helpful through my entire ordeal."

Ryan Robbins, also of the Peralta Ward, recently called One Call Plumbing when his bathtub began to leak into the surrounding dry wall.

"My technician, Todd, was great," says Ryan. "He kept me up to date with each step of the diagnosis and how he was fixing it, and he was very knowledgeable and nice. He even made things a little harder for himself to save us \$300. I was very pleased."

Since its beginning ten years ago, One Call Plumbing has enjoyed steady success, and continues to grow and innovate, recently adding A/C and

heating services to their repertoire.

According to their website, [www.azplumbers.com](http://www.azplumbers.com), employees at One Call Plumbing work hard to make sure they know all of the most recent plumbing, heating, A/C information so they can be sure the service they're providing is the most cutting edge available.

To celebrate their 10-year anniversary, One Call Plumbing will host an open house on Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2135 N Horne, Mesa. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

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## Offers a variety of exciting educational opportunities

By Valerie Ipson  
The Beehive

As springtime approaches and the school year enters its last remaining months, parents and students typically look toward the next academic year. Students plan class schedules, parents may request particular teachers, and, for the newest pupils, it's time for Kindergarten registration.

This is also a time to consider options for your child's education. Mesa Public Schools has many to choose from, all designed to further their mission, which is, "to develop a highly educated and productive community, one student at a time."

Whether a family chooses a neighborhood school or another of the myriad of options, the Mesa School District is committed to excellence in education.

The choices begin with Prekindergarten classes and Pre-K Plus, which offers extended hours. There are Head Start programs, Mesa Early Learning Preschool, and Special Education Preschools. The choices for student extend through grade 12 and beyond, with such offerings as technical education programs for grades 9-12, creative and performing arts education for K-12, and the Mesa Distance Learning Program. Distance learning is a state-of-the-art, accredited, Internet instructional program

where online instructors interact with students as they work toward a high school diploma.

The District offers adult opportunities as well, including General Education Development, Family Literacy programs, and English Language Acquisition, among others.

Mesa Public Schools is proud of their neighborhood schools and the varied educational choices for families. Regardless of the student's needs, the school district has a learning environment to fill those needs—from special education to advanced and gifted programs.

One of these specialized educational opportunities is the International Baccalaureate Programme, located at Summit Academy and Westwood High School. It offers a demanding two-year curriculum that prepares highly motivated students for a successful university experience at the college of their choice.

Another opportunity the district offers is a dual language program. Information from their website briefly explains the program: "The Keller Dual Language Learning Environment follows a 50/50 model. Students receive instruction in both languages with the instruction day divided into an English and



Photo by Tim Hacker

Dr. Kent Ashton, principal of Mendoza Elementary School and named a 2014 Rodel Exemplary Principal, is one of the many Mesa Public Schools administrators and teachers who contribute to the district's success. Dr. Ashton believes, "Ultimately you are held responsible for the success of your school, the more you include others in that success, the more likely your school will achieve it."

Spanish block."

Mesa Public Schools also supports homeschooling families through its Eagleridge Enrichment Program for grades K-8. As the website states, Eagleridge is "individualized enrichment opportunities for the homeschooling community. State-certified, highly qualified instructors provide a wide variety of engaging classes focused on creativity, cooperative learning, and exploration."

Though the beginning of next school year is still several months away, Kindergarten registration is already underway. Early registration allows time for schools to plan for class sizes and teacher contracts, all which lead to an efficient start to the school year. It's also the perfect time to explore all the educational opportunities Mesa Public Schools has to offer.

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# SOUNDS

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## Promoting LDS Artists & Music

By Cecily Markland  
The Beehive

**S**ounds of Zion, a premiere LDS music label, has a new owner, along with a new look, feel, and some new sounds.

From its beginnings, 30-plus years ago, Sounds of Zion has built a reputation for promoting LDS values with “the belief that music is a source of spiritual growth and enlightenment.” In September 2013, R Legacy Entertainment purchased Sounds of Zion, and committed to continuing that legacy with plans to reinvigorate the label, making it “the premiere LDS label,” and “a leader in the LDS music community.”

R Legacy Entertainment CEO, Gaylen Rust, made Dave Zabriskie the new president of Sounds of Zion and charged him with reestablishing the label and raising the bar among LDS musicians. Zabriskie has been in the music industry for more than 30 years. He composed the music for the LDS productions of “Light of the World,” “Savior of the World,” the new “Nauvoo Pageant,” and many other LDS productions.

Along with promoting existing artists, Zabriskie is focused on finding and developing new artists, with new music and products.

“There is a lot of great talent in the LDS world that no one knows about. We want to find these artists and bring them to the forefront of the LDS music scene,” Zabriskie says.

Currently, the label offers a roster of musicians and artists ranging from orchestral and choral works to 80’s pop. Some of the featured artists

include William Joseph, Janice Kapp Perry, Daniel Beck and Cherie Call. All of the Sound of Zion products, including CDs, MP3s, DVDs, physical and digital sheet music can be purchased at [yourLDSmusicstore.com](http://yourLDSmusicstore.com).

Along with introducing Sounds of Zion’s new look and logo, Zabriskie has put together an experienced team that is passionate about producing the highest quality inspirational music.

One of the first things Zabriskie did to support Sounds of Zion’s goals was to host a Music Composition Contest. With over \$9,000 in cash prizes, sponsored by [yourLDSmusicstore.com](http://yourLDSmusicstore.com), the 2013 competition had more than 750 submissions from 49 countries. The contest culminated with a live concert and awards ceremony. First, second and third place awards were given in three categories: Contemporary Christian, Instrumental, and LDS Choral.

The winning compositions can be purchased at [yourLDSmusicstore.com](http://yourLDSmusicstore.com) in sheet music form as well as a compilation CD of all the winning pieces, titled “Reflections—2013 Music Composition Competition—Winners CD.”

Sounds of Zion will begin accepting submissions for this year’s 2014 Music Composition Contest on March 9 and the submission deadline will be September 14. For more information and contest guidelines, visit [soundsofzion.com](http://soundsofzion.com).

To learn more about the new Sounds of Zion, its artists and products, visit [soundsofzion.com](http://soundsofzion.com) as well as [yourLDSmusicstore.com](http://yourLDSmusicstore.com).

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## Bringing Warmth, Comfort and Artisan-Quality Menu Items to Arizona

By Stacy Johnson  
The Beehive

**K**neaders Bakery & Café has brought the traditional feeling of coming-home-to-freshly-baked-bread comfort and warmth to Arizona. Walk into Kneaders and feel instantly at home, welcomed by charming décor, inviting scents of 42 different pastries, and the crackling sound of Hearth Bread loaves being peeled from the Italian hearth stone ovens.

Considering the authentic artisan quality of its breads, pastries, and gourmet menu items, it's surprising that this award-winning, nationally recognized bakery began not in Europe, but in Orem, Utah.

Colleen and Gary Worthington, co-founders of Kneaders Bakery & Café, began their baking career where most careers end—at retirement. After spending only eight years as retired franchisors of a national sandwich chain, Colleen remembers, “We were bored. There’s a lot to be said to be doing something and contributing to the world.”

For the Worthingtons, their contribution would come in the form of bringing the comfort and gourmet

quality of a European bakery to Utah.

After studying baking at AIB International and the San Francisco Baking Institute, the Worthingtons opened the first Kneaders in Orem in 1997. They focused primarily on artisan bread, making the dough by hand from scratch. At first, the menu included only fresh-baked European Hearth Bread and several scratch-made pastries.

Shortly after opening, they added gourmet sandwiches to the menu, offering the slow-roasted, hand-pulled turkey that has earned Kneaders many awards and accolades.

Today’s menu includes gourmet sandwiches, hearty soups, refreshing salads and 42 pastries baked fresh daily. Each location bakes 11 varieties of Hearth Breads, such as Asiago Cheese, French Country Sourdough and Rosemary Focaccia, using healthy, all-natural ingredients.

Outside the kitchen, Kneaders offers gourmet gift baskets and home décor. It also provides catering for gatherings of any size, from family get-togethers to weddings.

Through the years of growth and



Courtesy Kneaders Bakery & Cafe

Kneaders Bakery & Cafe, founded in Utah, now serves up its own style of comfort and warmth and delicious breads and menu items in its San Tan Village store (shown above) and at three other Arizona locations, with three more planned to open in 2014.

success, Kneaders has maintained its core principle of contributing to its community with quality, comfort and care. Walk into any of the 26 locations in Utah, Arizona, Idaho and Colorado to see those principles in action. From the quality menu items, the attentive staff and excellent customer care, to the comforting feeling of home, it’s no wonder Kneaders has, and continues to develop, a loyal customer base.

Says Andrew Smith, master franchisee for Arizona, “We have never been more excited than we are now about the Arizona market. We appreciate the reception we have been receiving from our loyal customers and hope to gain new customers each day.”

The Kneaders family is delighted to open the newest Arizona location in the Ahwatukee foothills area Friday, February 21. This is the fifth Arizona location, but it will certainly not be the last, with the Queen Creek store under construction and two more planned to open in 2014.

To find the Kneaders nearest you, visit [www.kneaders.com/locations](http://www.kneaders.com/locations)

## Easter Pageant Performances to Begin April 9

**T**he Mesa Arizona Easter Pageant, known as the largest outdoor Easter Pageant in the world, will again offer families and individuals across Arizona and neighboring states an opportunity to celebrate the Easter season with an inspiring portrayal of the life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Pageant presents the true meaning of Easter portrayed in drama, music and dance, presented on a five-story stage with a cast and crew of more than 900 volunteers, who perform or work behind the scenes in various capacities to make the pageant a reality.

This year, mark your calendars and plan to bring a friend to the English performances, which will be April 9 through 11 and 15 through 19, or the Spanish performance on April 12. ASL translation will be available April 9 through 12 as well. In addition, the organizing committee encourages all to like the Pageant’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MesaEasterPageant>), share it with a friend and be sure to check out the event page and indicate that you will be attending.

An estimated 80,000 people in the community attend the free, 65-minute production each year. The Pageant is performed in front of the Visitors’ Center on the Mesa Temple grounds at 525 East Main St. in Mesa. For more details, visit the website at [EasterPageant.org](http://EasterPageant.org)



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## Rhyme and Reason

By Linda Turley-Hansen

# Religious Freedom Might Call for YOUR Political Activism

**T**he thought gives you the shudders. Political activism? "Not me. I hate confrontation. I'm afraid. Let others do it."

Consider this story: More than a decade ago, under pressure, the Gilbert Public School Board voted to remove audible prayer from its board meetings. As a substitute, a moment of silence was put in its place and those who don't want God seen or spoken of, in public, were satisfied.

Last month, thanks to determined citizens of many faiths, the board put audible invocations back into its meetings. All faiths are invited to participate. The reverse took years, but it occurred through the diligence of many, many who may have been uneasy about the opinions of their neighbors, but nonetheless, the matter seemed important.

It's about the camel. You know, the camel's nose? Over the past 50 years, as evidence that God is removed from one place, then another, even from the month of His Son's celebrated birthday, the camel is now in the tent.

There's something that feels good about the push back. Gilbert citizens did just that. Gilbert, where churches of many faiths are on nearly every corner and worship is a family practice for the majority.

Of course, due to the nature of this war against God and religion, this matter isn't over and the courts and lawmakers will continue to debate our freedoms of every kind.

A month ago, I was privileged to attend a neighborhood fireside in Salt Lake City. Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve discussed the urgency of "hastening missionary work." His enthusiasm was warm and encouraging.

Then, he shifted energy and spoke with a touch of sorrow about the attacks against religious freedoms and said, "We will be sorry if we remain silent."

Later, I asked him to expand on "if we remain silent." And he shared his

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# Training Wheels



## IN THE MOMMY ZONE...

By Kristi Young Fairbanks

**M**y youngest daughter is five years old, with long strawberry-blonde hair and a contagious smile that's missing two bottom front teeth.

She is quite capable, confident, and motivated for one so young, evident by her persistence to excel and her fearless, spunky spirit. She claims to be one of the few kindergarteners that can successfully maneuver a proper cartwheel and revels in the fact that she can count to 100 all by herself. She was by far the strongest and most active baby out of the six infants I carried in the womb.

Her latest venture, and by far the grandest, is learning to ride a bicycle. Several months ago, she inherited her older sister's hot pink bike. The poor contraption was completely scruffy and dog-eared, sporting paint scratches from princess escapades of years gone by. It also featured two balding, flat tires. Nonetheless, my kindergartener was thrilled with the dilapidated cycle, her eyes twinkled with delight as she spied the mechanical contraption she

would soon call her own.

New tubes and training wheels were slapped into place and she was ready for her first adventure. She hopped on, started to pedal, and instantly thrilled in her newfound freedom. But, the novelty soon wore off. She started riding only occasionally, unfortunately losing interest altogether.

Months later, my husband decided it was time to respark her curiosity. One Saturday morning, he removed a training wheel. She didn't quite know what to think, but trusted her father and straddled the bike once more. She began to ride, leaning heavily sideways towards the remaining trainer wheel, wobbling helplessly to and fro. She practiced again and again, over and over, until she had mastered this new feat.

Later that afternoon, he dismantled the other training wheel. They convened to the backyard, beginning the slow process of learning the art of balance together. She was determined for success. Her brow furrowed in concen-

tration as she tried to stabilize herself. My husband clutched the seatback, gave her a gentle push, and accompanied her as she pedaled hard. They practiced time and time again, back and forth across the expanse of desert near our home. As she learned to control the ornery machine, she fell repeatedly. It was a difficult task. Things usually came easy for her. She skinned her knee and bruised her ego that day.

But, her stubborn ambition refused to let her quit. On Monday, she and her father started again. She wouldn't give up until she had mastered that mechanized beast. They went out to the dirt road beyond our home for a fresh start. I hoped for the best and drove off to an appointment.

When I returned, it was dusk, almost completely dark. I spied the faint outline of a petite child on a tiny

bicycle along the roadside. It was my kindergartener. I pulled over and watched her zoom past me, traveling as fast as her chubby legs could pedal, requiring no assistance. I could barely see her in the dimming sunset as she rode to the end and returned. My eyes moistened, realizing this momentous occasion would be the last time I would ever experience one of my children master the art of bicycling.

We both learned valuable lessons that day. Through the bloodied knees and tender tears, my daughter gained the value of perseverance, hard work, and to never accept defeat. I relearned something I've always known, that time is fleeting. My moments with my precious children are limited. All too soon, they'll be riding their bikes off into the sunset without me, just like my youngest daughter.



## Guest Column

Cindy R. Williams

# A Glorious Assignment to Serve

**A** member of our stake presidency asked my husband and me to serve as Gilbert Temple tour guides. I was taught, and it's always been my practice, to accept Church callings and assignments, and this time, I answered with an enthusiastic "Yes!" and a fist pump in the air—probably not appropriate behavior in the stake president's offices, but it matched my excitement.

We bought new journals to record the priceless experiences we were sure to have at the new temple.

We attended two mandatory training sessions held in the new stake center on the Gilbert Temple grounds and were surprised to find there were 850 tour guides from the 26 stakes within the Gilbert Temple district. Elder William R. Walker, of the First Quorum of the Seventy and Executive Director of the Temple Department, along with President David E. LeSueur, recently called as Gilbert Temple President, addressed us and gave us our talking points.

Finally came the much-anticipated

opportunity to enter the temple and walk our route. The temple is, in one word, heavenly! I felt like a little child, eyes wide, as we walked reverently through the 85,000 square-foot building. I was drawn in by the beautiful color scheme and the repetition of the agave plant motif used in the astounding glass artwork, carved in the altars, painted in ceiling recesses and hand cut into the carpets of the sealing rooms and the celestial room.

I walked slowly past the two original murals in the baptistery by local artist, Howard Lyon, and I gazed, one at a time, at the painted faces as they watched, listened and learned from Jesus.

I was in awe with each corner we turned, but nothing like when we stepped into the celestial room. I remember my first view of the grand chandelier. I froze mid-step and gasped. I have never in my life seen such an incredible thing. The effect was amazing, and my spirit soared in that glorious room.

Before giving my first actual tour, I was a little nervous. I needn't have been. Having spent most of my life serving in the Primary in some capacity, I felt comfortable to be "guiding" seven young children from several related families. With the large groups—of up to 1,200 people touring the temple per hour, we were in "silent tour" mode—no talking points. As we had been instructed by Elder Walker, we were to allow the temple to speak for itself.

I found the children charming as they "oohed" and "ahhhed" over everything. It was a joy to walk with them and see the temple through their eyes.

As we entered the sealing room, I whispered that the bride and groom kneel across the altar and hold hands as they are married. The only little boy in the group asked, "How do you kiss your sweetie?"

I love to see the temple—both inside and out—and, for those weeks I served as a tour guide, helping others see it too was a slice of heaven in my earthly life.

## Rhyme & Reason Column Continued from pg. 41

concerns over events which are putting pressure on religions to change beliefs, to alter practices. He repeated we need to be involved. It is important.

Which makes sense. As we work to expand the gospel, the very tenets we expound are under attack. Our freedoms, all of them, are needed in order to do the Lord's work.

There are many ways we can make a difference. The issues blend and the Spirit guides us each, differently. Take note of the article in this February Ensign: "Get Informed, Get Involved." Then, remember civility. We are constantly reminded by General Authorities to maintain civil discourse.

Elder Dallin H. Oaks says: "As believers we should frame our arguments and positions in ways that contribute to the reasoned discussion... we will contribute to the civility that is essential to preserve our civilization." (LDS.org)

There is urgency to share our voices in our communities. Now's the time. Consider a comment made by a mother of four, who had never attended that Gilbert board meeting before. She said, "It's not okay anymore to be silent."





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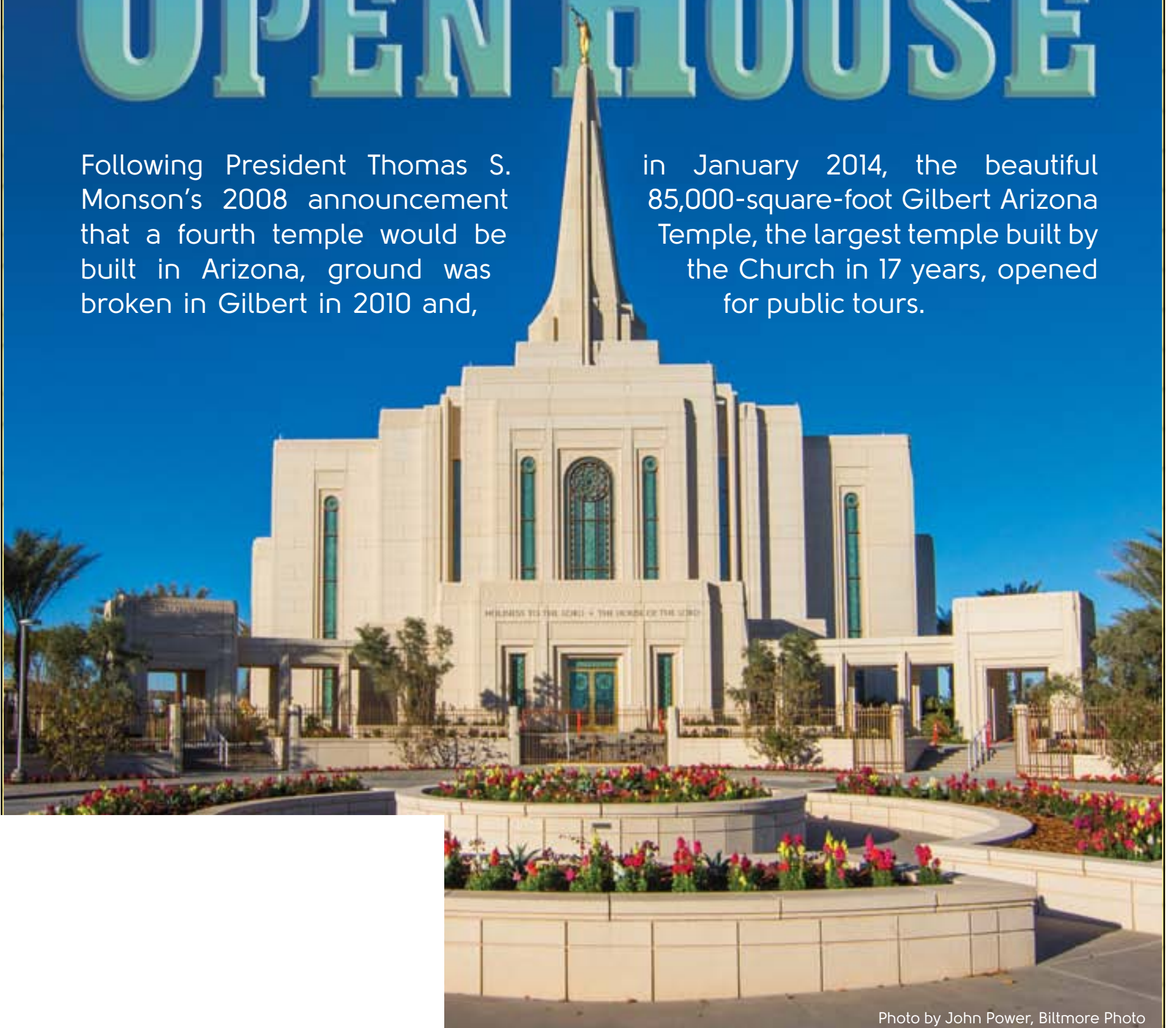


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